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For: SWITCHING POWER SUPPLY APPARATUS

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 23, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 15, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application.

The substance of the restriction requirement addresses 52 claims directed to a composition for the treatment of gastric ulcer, a process for preparing such a composition and several methods for treating gastric ulcer. However, the application, in fact, includes 11 claims and is directed to a switching power supply apparatus.

Thus, it appears that the body or substance of the Restriction Requirement actually relates to a different application.

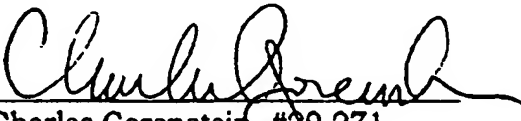
It is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn, and that appropriate action be provided on the merits of the above-identified application.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein (Reg. No. 29,271) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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